

Item No. 13.	Classification: Open	Date: 2 December 2015	Meeting Name: Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council
Report title:		Local Parking Amendments: Grange Walk - Removal of ambulance, disabled bays and provision of shared use bays	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Grange	
From:		Head of Highways	

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that the following non-strategic traffic and parking arrangements, detailed in the drawings attached to this report, are approved for implementation subject to any necessary statutory procedures;
 - Grange Walk
 - removal of disabled bay
 - removal of ambulance bay
 - provide shared use bay

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Part 3H of the Southwark constitution delegates decision making for non-strategic traffic management matters to the community council.
3. Paragraph 16 of Part 3H of the Southwark constitution sets out that the community council will take decisions on the following local non-strategic matters:
 - the introduction of single traffic signs
 - the introduction of short lengths of waiting and loading restrictions
 - the introduction of road markings
 - the introduction of disabled parking bays
 - the setting of consultation boundaries for consultation on traffic schemes.
4. This report gives recommendations for revoking the existing traffic regulation order for ambulance and disabled bays and introducing shared use bays on Grange Walk.
5. The origin and reasons for the recommendations are discussed within the key issues section of this report.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. The developer was granted planning permission (14-AP-2102) on 6 October 2014, which allows a re-development of premises that include the erection of residential buildings providing 167 residential units with basement car and cycle parking, amenity space, plant and associated works.

7. As part of the development, forty four (44) parking spaces are being provided at basement level. Seventeen (17) of these bays are designated as disabled bays.
8. The site was previously used as a day centre and residential care home. It is proposed to replace the redundant ambulance bay with shared use bays. The two existing disabled bays will be converted to shared use bays as they were associated with the previous land use. It should be noted that there will be a net gain in potential parking space for blue badge holders since the entire shared use space can be parked in by blue badge holders without charge.

Parking matters

9. The development is located in a parking zone GR where no waiting is allowed during the operational hours (08:30-18:30 Mon –Fri) except in a marked bay.
10. One ambulance and two disabled bays would be removed as a result of these proposals.
11. Six (6) shared use parking spaces would be created on Grange Walk.

Policy implications

12. The recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the policies of the Transport Plan 2011 particularly:

Policy 7.1 – Maintain and improve the existing road network making the best use of it through careful management and considered improvements.

Community impact statement

13. The policies within the transport plan upheld within this report have been subject to an equality analysis.
14. The recommendations are area based and will therefore have greatest effect upon those people living in the vicinity of the area.
15. The recommendations are not considered to have a disproportionate effect on any community or group. Dedicated disabled bays are being removed but they are associated with the previous use and are no longer required. Blue badge holders will be able to park without charge in the entire space created by removal of the disabled bays and ambulance bays as they are designated 'shared use'. The council continues to provide a service of new disabled bays where eligible residents apply. If in the future such an application is made for this area it can be duly considered. Officers are not aware of any current demand. Therefore disabled car users are not considered to be disproportionately affected.

Resource implications

16. All costs arising from implementing the recommendations will be fully met by the developer.

Legal implications

17. Traffic Management Orders would be made under powers contained within the Road Traffic Regulation Act (RTRA) 1984.
18. Should the recommendations be approved the council will give notice of its intention to make a traffic order in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
19. These regulations also require the council to consider any representations received as a result of publishing the draft order for a period of 21 days following publication of the draft order.
20. Should any objections be received they must be properly considered in the light of administrative law principles, human rights law and the relevant statutory powers.
21. By virtue of section 122, the council must exercise its powers under the RTRA 1984 so as to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic including pedestrians, and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.
22. These powers must be exercised so far as practicable having regard to the following matters:
 - a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.
 - b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected including the regulation and restriction of heavy commercial traffic so as to preserve amenity.
 - c) the national air quality strategy.
 - d) facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and securing the safety and convenience of their passengers.
 - e) any other matters appearing to the council to be relevant.
23. By virtue of sections 45 - 46, the council may, by order designate parking places on highways in their area for vehicles or vehicles of any class specified in the order; and the authority may make charges (of such amount as may be prescribed under section 46) for vehicles left in a parking place so designated.
24. The exercise by council of functions under this section shall not render council subject to any liability in respect of the loss of or damage to any vehicle in a parking place or the contents or fittings of any such vehicle.

Consultation

25. No informal (public) consultation has been carried out.
26. Should the community council approve the recommendations, statutory consultation will take place as part of the making of the traffic management order. This process is defined by national regulations.
27. The council will place a proposal notice in proximity to the site location and also publish the notice in the Southwark News and the London Gazette.
28. Any person wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed order will have 21

days in which to do so.

29. Should an objection be made that officers are unable to informally resolve, this objection will be reported to the community council for determination, in accordance with the Southwark constitution.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Transport Plan 2011	Southwark Council Environment and Leisure Highways 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH Online: Southwark transport plan 2011 - Southwark Council	George Hutchful 020 7525 5473

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Decision Notice
Appendix 2	Proposed Layout

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Matthew Hill, Head of Highways	
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